

Swing Time



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letter from the president

Dear Friends In Dance,

I am enjoying serving you as President, it has been a busy and exciting few months with our main emphasis on organization, and I'd like to share with you some of the things we have been doing.

The annual membership sign-up campaign is already far ahead of last year's success, and may increase in enrollment by about 50 percent. More folks to dance

with!

By closely tracking The Swing Dance Hotline, we have found that use is heavy and increasing. It's a great way to stay in touch with fast-breaking events, and we welcome suggestions on its format and content. (see p 11 for instructions).

The Club's finances are in great shape, and we're creating a strong budget plan that will ease Club administration and provide everyone better insight into planning budgets for the use of Club funds.

We've changed the newsletter software to speed publication and increase contact with the dancers while minimizing cost. Consequently, we will supplement the newsletter with low-cost post cards to everyone, at more frequent intervals, so we can stay in touch more often.

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WE'RE AT KAY'S BALLROOM MARCH & APRIL

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the south florida swing dance society, inc....

...was formed in January 1992 as a not-for-profit social organization dedicated "for the preservation, perfection, progression and promotion of Swing Dancing." SFSDS parties are held at various locations and are announced in our bi-monthly newsletters. Our motto is "Smile...Come dance with us!"

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CLUB INFORMATION

letter from the editor I guess you're all wondering what happened to the newsletter. Well, I decided to up-grade my computer, and as usual when your dealing with a computer nothing ever goes right, so everything that could go wrong, did. By the time, I got everything up and running and reentered the newsletter master, it was time to start the March newsletter. Sorry but stuff happens.

I suppose you would also like to know what happened to the January and February dances. For that I can only say that it was the fault of the owner of Happy Dancing Ballroom, and I strongly suggest to anyone in need of a ballroom, DON'T GO THERE. Enough said! On to better things.

The owners of Kay's Starlite Ballroom, Frank and Joe Moretti, have agreed to give us the first available Saturday night (a very hard night to get). Our first two monthly dances will be held on the third Saturday of March and April (see page 11) They would also like us to pick a night when they would play our music and we could go every week to dance. Let us hear from you.. A Big Cheer to Virginia DeFede who suggested and has offered to set up car pools from South Miami to our dance functions at Gold Coast and Kay's. (see page 11 for details)

Bye for now, and keep smiling
Eileen Di Laura

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A "Big Goal" is to stabilize the location of our regular dances. Vinnie and Jeff, owners of The Gold Coast Ballroom, have been top-notch supporters of the Club over the past months. Our second-Friday-of-the-month dances in Margate are becoming a huge success thanks to their first-rate hospitality and dance floor, and I know many Club members attend their other dances through the month. Along the Dade-Broward border, a stable dance location has been more difficult to find, but we judge that our new agreement with Kay's Starlight Ballroom in Hallandale will be comfortable for us—especially the Dade members—starting on the third Saturday in March, and again in April. These two Saturday venues will provide stability and satisfy members who find Friday dances difficult to attend. In addition, carpools are being organized to help distant members attend dances more easily. We are very thankful for this great idea. (see p 11) .

Club volunteers can be found all over South Florida dancing at demonstrations for schools and social groups, participating in swing dance competitions—as judges and dancers, and as instructors or partners at local dance locations. It's all great fun, and there's plenty of it. Just let me know, or leave a message on the hotline, that you would like to participate. For example, the Taste of Fort Lauderdale Fair put up a dance floor at our request, and Gulfstream Park gave us free tickets to the recent Voodoo Daddy's show. Keep listening to the Hotline for fast-breaking news like this. Things pop up fast!

To speed information to everyone, a special e-mail forwarding service is being set up to distribute last minute news on where folks are dancing as well as long-range schedules. Let us know your e-mail address and you'll get the news pronto. Call or e-mail now. (Domcino@cwtel.com) or call Dominic 954-961-8899

Many dance professionals are creating special dance events tailored to the Club. The Boogie by the

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MEMBERS CORNER

WELCOME MEMBERS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT !!!

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Member News

- ◆ Our sympathies to the family of **Carole D'Adesky** who died from an accident at her home in January .
- ◆ Best wishes to **Marie Roman** on her recent marriage.
- ◆ Congratulations to **Pam Hershfield & John Henning** on their superb dance performance at the Cincinnati party.
- ◆ Be sure to catch **Phil Posner & Patti Manelli** at **Randy's Disco Party** in March. They will be competing sometime on Saturday afternoon in the Hustle Competition.
- ◆ Thanks to **Ray Yang** who has taken over as information manager.
- ◆ If you didn't see the wonderful full-length article on our own **Carole Cotton** in the November issue of Fountain, it will be available for your viewing at our March and April dances.

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BECOME A MEMBER

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OR SUBSCRIPTION

In order to create and maintain an accurate record of our membership, please provide the following information to the Membership Committee.

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_____ Social Committee-help with the planning and organization of the dances

_____ Newsletter,- getting ads, putting labels on newsletters, writing articles

_____ Host & Hostess—greeters, social mixers

_____ Photography and video taping of dances

_____ Telephone committee call members and spread info of events

_____ I have a computer and would be willing to assist in info management.

_____ I would like to serve on the Board

In consideration of the mutual benefits derived from membership in the South Florida Swing Dance Society, Inc. and acknowledging that an injury may occur while dancing, the undersigned does hereby assume all risk and absolves, releases and waives any and all liability claims or demands against the SFSDS, Inc., its officers, board members, and each and every member thereof which may arise out of an act related to an injury

Signature _____

Date _____

CHIT CHAT

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Beach is a great event planned for late March and I hope I'll see you there! Similarly folks who favor blues swing, country swing and retro swing songs are increasingly taking advantage of each type of music to experiment, learn more moves and become better dancers.

One new Club project is to devote a special springtime dance to songs that you'd love to dance to, but may not be found on the usual play list. We need your help, so volunteer your favorite, maybe unusual, song. Just call me and leave a message or e-mail me (see below) or better yet, call and chat. (One of my favorite west coast swing tunes is The Talking Heads covering Al Green's "Take Me to the River", another is Whitney Houston's "I'm Your Baby".) Tell us yours.

As the new president, I am most impressed with the pride I find in the many volunteers. It's great to be around people who enjoy dance so very much and feel so strongly about it. Swing dance provides a sanctuary from the stress of regular life, and a comfortable place to share our joy in dance with others. I especially appreciate those skilled dancers who help me understand the little things that make a move easier to lead, like turning my hand just so. I have so much more to learn, so much more to enjoy, and so much more to share. Thank you for joining me on this dance journey.

I am very proud to be able to serve you, and I am eager to listen to and implement your ideas. So far I have been able to personally phone about half the members. If I haven't been able to reach you yet, please jump to the front of the line and call me (561-750-7507). I have learned so much from everyone.

Yours in Dance
Mel

E-mail (melmeinhardt@bigfoot.com).

OUT & ABOUT IN FLORIDA



by Eileen Di Laura

The Avon Park Beach Bopper Party is here again. This is a very unique party in that it is a combined effort of several of the

Florida Clubs expertly overseen by **Janice and John Adams**. This party has been called the "Partier's Party" and "The Party where friends become family."

The event is held at the charming **Kenilworth Lodge**, an historic hotel in Sebring, Florida. All of the guests in the hotel are there for the party; it is completely taken over by the dancers. There is an opening "**Chill Out Party**" on **Thursday, April 1**; everyone meets at the hotel about 7pm, if you get there late, the hotel staff will direct you to the party site. Friday and Saturday afternoons are spent at the pool with music provided by **Edee Dickerson**. The pool is surrounded by cabins where guests can store their shooters and believe me there are some very innovative ones. In fact, along with the prizes given for the egg hunt and the games, I think a prize should be given for the best shooter recipe. The free hospitality lunch is also served at the pool on Friday and Saturday. There's dancing in the ballroom each night to the music of **Jerry Munson**. There is no bar at this hotel so you must provide for your own drinks (ice is provided by the hotel.) For ticket info call Janice @ 941-452-1568 for Reservations with confirmation # 800-423-5939 **Hurry only 250 guests admitted.**

Closer to home is **Randy Atlas' Disco and Hustle Party** at the Raddison Hotel in **Ft Lauderdale on March 26** weekend. There will be Disco & Hustle dancing and competition in the main ballroom and Swing dancing in the small ballroom. It is Randy's first private dance venture, and we wish him lots of success. Unfortunately I will be in New York that weekend, but I'll see you at Avon Park.



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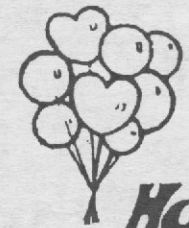

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SPECIAL THANKS TO

Dominic Sparacino, our Membership Secretary. He is doing a great job maintaining our computer lists and recruiting new members. We have over a hundred and seventy members and this is only the second month of the year. If this rate continues we may break three hundred members this year. We also want to thank you loyal members who have renewed, you are the back bone of this club and your continued steady support is what keeps us volunteers going.

Rae Sidotti who has spent hours computerizing over a year of financial records for SFSDS and last year's Swing into Spring Event.

Joe Cabral for his work on the hot line. He set up a message center for your comments and suggestions and reports them to the board so that we may better serve you. Leave a message by pressing 1 at any time, record your message and wait a few moments until you are asked to send it.

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- Apr. 1-4 American Swing Dance Championships, Newark, NJ. Alan Rocoff (800) 64-Swing
- Apr. 8-11 Seattle's Easter Swing, Bellevue, Wa Maria Marabella (206) 784-5501
- Apr. 9-12 Texas Classic, Dallas, Tx Info (817)-654-1736
- Apr. 23-25 Calif Swing Dance Championships, Buena Park, Ca Tom Mattox -(562)-92-DANCE
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- June 11-13 Jack & Jill O'Rama, Buena Park, Ca Jack Bridges (800)3377-8937
- June 22-27 Boogie on the Riverwalk, Radisson Jacksonville,FL (888)BMF-JBBA**
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- July 2-4 Ft Lauderdale, Swing Bash, Ft. L. Fl Kal Branson (561)470-5208**
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